AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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[0048] ~~FIG. 8 is~~ **FIGS. 8A-8F illustrate** a data model of the Asset database of one embodiment of the present invention. The Asset Database 714 can be implement as a relational or objected oriented database or a combination thereof. The main focal point of the database is the asset object LI_ASSET 810. Associated with the asset object are a plurality of characteristics, including, measured values such as bit rate (LI_BITRATE), delay (LI_DELAY), packet loss (LI_PACKETLOSS), jitter (LI_JITTER) and so on.